

Labeling and Brand Information for Vermont Cooperative Interstate Shipment (CIS) Program

Establishments submitting CIS labels for approval will be required to conduct the following procedures:

The establishment must first complete [FSIS FORM 7234-1](#) and submit the completed form to the Inspector on Duty.

- All applications will fall into one of two categories, either “**GENERIC**” or “**SPECIAL CLAIMS**” labels.
- The establishment will submit the application to the Inspector on Duty, who will conduct a preliminary review of the application and determine whether it can be approved generically or must be submitted through the Label Submission and Approval System (LSAS).
- Once the application is reviewed by the inspector on duty, and if no errors are apparent, the application will be sent to the VT CIS labeling coordinator for approval.

Either of the two following two scenarios will then apply to your application:

- 1) If the application is considered *Generic*, and no errors are found, it will be approved by the VT CIS labeling coordinator.
 - A copy will be kept on file with VT Meat Inspection Service (MIS) and the approved application will be returned to the establishment for record keeping purposes. The estimated time for review and approval of a generic CIS label is approximately 1 week.
- 2) If the labeling application has any *Special Claims*, the Inspector on Duty will review the claims and supporting information provided by the establishment to verify the establishment’s supporting documentation has sufficiently addressed the claims on the label.
 - Once reviewed by the inspector on duty, the application will be sent to the VT CIS labeling coordinator for review. The estimated time for the CIS label coordinator review of any label with special claims is approximately 1-2 weeks.
 - If no errors are apparent, the VT CIS labeling coordinator will send the application back to the establishment, so the establishment can submit it through the LSAS for sketch approval.
 - Once the label is approved by LSAS, a copy of the approved CIS label application will be kept on file with the MIS and the approved application will be sent to the establishment for record keeping purposes.

[USDA Claims Guidance](#)

[FSIS Labeling Guideline for Animal Raising Claims](#)

[Accessing LSAS](#)

Tips for establishments

- 1) The MIS strongly encourages establishments **NOT** to order or print any labels before obtaining approval.
- 2) In box 10 **ALL APPLICATIONS** must have the box “other claims: specify” checked and have the following statement written. “***CIS PARTICIPANT***”
- 3) MIS recommends that all establishments apply for Level 2 access to LSAS. This will allow the establishment to submit applications with ***SPECIAL CLAIMS***. This will also speed up the application process.
- 4) **SPECIAL CLAIM APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE APPROVED BY THE USDA/FSIS/OPPD/LPDS. (IE: Through LSAS)**

Accessing LSAS

[The enrollment process and how to access the LSAS system](#)

How to apply for LVL 2 clearance for Label Submission and Approval System (LSAS)

To create a level 2 account, you need to follow this link and “create account.” and click customer.

[eAuthentication \(usda.gov\)](#)

If further assistance is needed the following number can be used 1-800-457-3642, option 1 or email eAuthhelpdesk@ffc.usda.gov

CIS SLAUGHTERHOUSE BRANDS

Any establishment that is looking to slaughter under CIS will be given a red meat carcass brand form during the Federal Review by the USDA/FSIS representative. More information will be provided at that time.